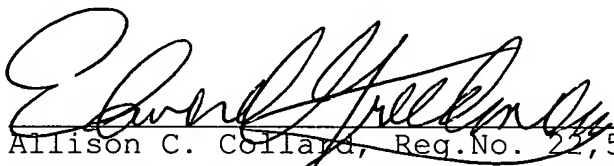


**REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the cross-reference to the related application has been inserted on page 1. Claims 1-17 have been canceled, and new claims 18-22 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

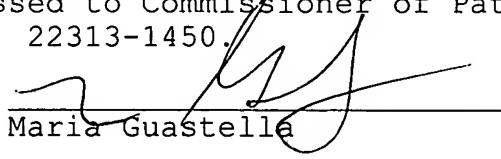
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